



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

June 25, 2012

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2012-S 3075, "An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation."

This legislation would change the composition of the membership of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Citizens Advisory Board and gives the board expanded oversight over the Corporation. Under current law, board membership is open to all Rhode Islanders. This Act limits board membership to individuals of Johnston, Scituate and Cranston. The Resource Recovery Corporation is a public corporation that serves the entire state, and the Citizens Advisory Board should consist of representatives from the entire state.

In addition, the Act gives the board "free access to all public records and documents of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation which may be of value to it in connection with the research and study of the board." No other board, commission, group or individual has free access to public records and documents. This grant of authority is inconsistent with the Access to Public Records Act and sets a precedent for the creation of additional special exceptions.

For the foregoing reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. D. Chafee".

Lincoln D. Chafee